

**ABSTRACT**

A tampon for feminine hygiene that has an insertion end, a withdrawal end, a length, a radius, a longitudinal axis, a radial axis, and an outer surface. The tampon is made of compressed fibrous material. A measured portion of the outer surface of the insertion end of the tampon includes a first surface area. A measured portion of the outer surface of the withdrawal end includes a second surface area. The first surface area is different than the second surface area. The first surface area may be greater than the second surface area.